

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2963 - SB 3315**

March 1, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to approve and certify remote breathalyzers for the examination of evidence. Requires TBI to train personnel in the operation of instruments to meet the requirements of law and any standards for the admissibility of evidence.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- According to TBI, the agency currently operates more than 50 laboratory instruments that process and analyze body fluids in addition to 175 desktop evidentiary breath testing instruments and 62 portable evidentiary breath testing instruments. There are 100 forensic scientists currently employed by TBI.
- TBI will not require additional staff to meet the provisions of this bill. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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